

Amendments to the Specification:

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 5:

This application is a continuation-in-part of copending Application No. 10/624.646 filed July 23, 2003 (~~Attorney Docket A-9906~~), now U.S. Patent No. 7,008,160 issued March 7, 2006, and claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-272668 filed September 19, 2002, and Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-224620 filed August 1, 2002, both incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please substitute for the original Abstract the amended Abstract submitted herewith on a separate sheet.